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READJUSTMENT FOR MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

The attention of all Medical Department officers is invited to the following quoted War Department press release outlining the position of the Surgeon General on releases in the United States:

"SURGEON GENERAL OUTLINES PERSONNEL RELEASE POLICY"

"Substantial releases of Army Medical Department personnel will not take place before the latter part of this year, Surgeon General Norman T. Kirk said in announcing a policy on discharges in conformity with War Department procedures. This is due to the fact that the peak of the Medical Department's activities will not be reached until fall.

"In formulating the policy consideration was given to civilian needs for professional medical, dental and veterinary care without weakening military needs. Other factors considered were the length of time necessary for personnel to complete their work in the Mediterranean and European Theaters and return to the United States; replacement of Medical Department personnel in active theaters by those who have not had overseas duty; necessity for the maintenance of a high standard of medical care; the heavy load of patients in the United States; evacuation of the sick and wounded from Europe in the next ninety days and continuing medical service in the Pacific.

"The policy applies with equal effect to Army Medical officers assigned to the Veterans Administration and other agencies.

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"It reads:

"Medical Corps

"a. Officers whose services are essential to military necessity will not be separated from the service.

"b. Officers above 50 years of age whose specialist qualifications are not needed within the Army will receive a high preferential priority for release from active duty.

"c. Adjusted Service Ratings will be utilized as a definite guide to determining those who are to be separated.

"Medical Administrative Corps

"a. Officers whose services are essential to military necessity will not be separated.

"b. Officers who express a desire to stay on duty shall be allowed to do so if vacancies exist. In the event there are more wishing to stay than there are vacancies, those with the highest efficiency index will be retained.

"c. Those who wish to be released will be selected on the basis of Adjusted Service Scores.

"Dental Corps

"a. Officers whose services are essential to military necessity will not be separated from the service.

"b. Officers above 50 years of age whose specialist qualifications are not needed within the Army will receive high preferential priority for release from active duty.

"c. Adjusted Service Ratings will be utilized as a definite guide in determining those who are to be separated.

"Army Nurse Corps

"a. All Nurses whose husbands have been released from active duty will be discharged upon request when release of husband is proven.

"b. No officer will be separated whose services are essential.

"c. Officers with children under 18 years of age who wish to be released will receive a high preferential priority for selection.

"d. Adjusted Service scores will govern other cases.

"Medical Department Dietitians
"Medical Department Physical Therapists"

"a. All Medical Department Dietitians and Medical Department Physical Therapists whose husbands have been released from active duty will be discharged upon request when release of husband is proven.

"b. Military necessity will govern all others. Since there is a shortage of these officers, it is not contemplated that others will be released from the service except in a, above.

"Veterinary Corps

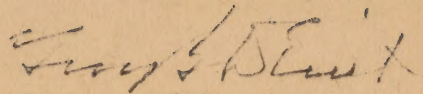
"a. Since there are insufficient officers to meet the present requirements, it is not contemplated that any officers will be released from the service.

"Sanitary Corps"

"a. Officers whose services are needed will not be separated.

"b. Officers who express a desire to stay on duty shall be allowed to do so if vacancies exist. In the event there are more wishing to stay than there are vacancies, those with the highest efficiency index will be retained.

"c. Those who wish to be released will be selected on the basis of Adjusted Service Scores."



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